

particular point, so I'm going to go ahead, bring it to a vote and I hope members can support it and then we'll sit down and bring it back. And I don't do that just to move it, I mean that sincerely and David knows that I am sincere about that, that I will sit down and if there is a compromise or something that can be reached, let's do so, and I will bring it back for that amendment. And if not, then we'll have a vote on it on Final Reading and we'll see what the policy votes are. But I'm serious when I say I would sit down. I want to focus just a little bit on the bill. Senator Haberman, Rex, I'm going to miss you, I'll tell you what, when you're gone. You know, one of the people went up to Rex and said, you know, what's the point of this? And Rex said, there isn't one, but you know they had a good laugh about it but nonetheless he has tried to focus on some areas of the bill I'd like to talk about. Number one, the bill is not about guns. The bill is simply about arrest powers. And where Senator Haberman, either he did not want to mention it, which I understand why, or he didn't know, I'm not sure which one, I assume he just didn't want to mention it, right now carrier enforcement people could have weapons today. They could have it tomorrow. They can do that within the State Patrol. But the reason they have not been given that authority is because they didn't have arrest powers. And so this bill asked a simple question that actually is a big policy change. If you have people, and Senator Haberman was right, nine years ago they moved from the Department of Roads to the State Patrol, but he didn't go on to the next phrase. The training then changed so that they had the same training as a trooper. They have that same training. And when it became a part of the State Patrol since 1987, had the same exact training with the State Patrol, one of the things that began happening is that with the increased amount of traffic and increased amount of federal things that carrier enforcement now are responsible for, they didn't in this state, which they have in other states, have the power to do anything about it. So we're asking people out there that are troopers in training, when they find something in cases of alcohol...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...or in the case of drugs or something else, and they don't have the power to do anything about it and we just say, bye bye, have a nice trip, have a nice day, wish I could stop you and take you in but I can't, sorry. But if I wanted to do that, I could try to delay them a little